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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

To his Exeelleney, F. F. Low,
Governor of the State of California:

The undersigned, appointed last winter Trustees of the "California Institution for the Edueation and Care of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind," ask leave to present the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1864.

It was not until May, of 1864, that the members of this Board of Trustees were qualified, and in a eondition to aet. We organized in May, by choosing J. P. Whitney, President, and J. A. Benton, Seeretary. Ever since that time we have held regular monthly meetings, and some speeial meetings. We have had a Standing Committee to attend to the matter of instruetion, and another to attend to all business affairs. And these committees have earefully performed their duties. The department of instruction has been provided for as well as possible; and the pupils have made a eommendable progress.

The continued ill-health of Mrs. Clark, the Principal, had made it neeessary for her to resign, and her resignation has been accepted. We have, after a good deal of delay, suecceded in seeuring the services of a gentleman, believed to be every way eompetent to take eharge of the institution, and to render it more efficient and useful than it has ever been. This gentleman, Mr. J. M. Francis, it is expected, will be on the ground by the first of February, 1865. At an early day we voted to fix the salary of the Prineipal at twenty-five hundred dollars a year; and at this rate the Prineipal has been paid since the first of February last—all other salaries being fixed nearly as before. We have also voted a salary of fifty dollars a month to the regular Physician to the Institution.

A good many repairs have been made upon the buildings and grounds, but none of a very expensive character. The officers and teachers on the ground have been faithful and successful. The Board of Managers has been prompt and praiseworthy in its action, and has given us frequent occasions of commendation. And at the close of the year, the health of the Institution is excellent, its general condition is good, and the indications of progress are many.

For the state of the treasury, and the items of expenditure, we respectfully refer you to the report of the Treasurer. And for the numbers and classification of the inmates of the Institution the past year, you are referred to the report of the Board of Managers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. WHITNEY,
President.

J. A. BENTON, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mrs. Clark, who has been so long Principal of the "California Institution for the Education and Care of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind," we do so with sincere regret. Knowing that it was through her instrumentality that this Institution was founded, by her continued care and exertion has been permanently established, and hope, relieved of all the responsibilities of this position she may be restored to health, and return here to aid still further in promoting the interests of this noble work.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

To His Excelleney, F. F. Low,
Governor of the State of California:

In aecordanee with custom and the requirements of law the Managers of the California Institution for the Edueation and Care of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind, present their Annual Report.

Nearly five years have elapsed since a few ladies formed a society for the purpose of founding an Institution for the deaf-mute and blind children of the State. Many periods of darkness and difficulty have been encountered, but nearly or quite all of a serious nature have been overcome, and these unfortunate elasses now have a plaee provided for them, which we trust will be lasting, where they can receive instruetion, be made conscious of being intelligent and accountable beings, and plaeed in a position to earn their own livelihood when arriving at manhood. The Managers have raised nearly $11,000, by private charity, towards aecomplishing this. They have to confess, all things considered, that the prosperity of the Institution has been beyond their most sanguine anticipations, and they look baek with satisfactory pride at the success of the good work.

The school opened something over four years since with three pupils. Seventy-six in all have been admitted. Four were sent away, not being eapable of receiving instruetion. Six blind pupils recovered their sight suffieiently to be no longer subjeets, and one was expelled for continued bad behavior. Five girls, two deaf-mutes and three blind—one entirely and the others nearly—have married. Two have died at their homes whilst on visits, and eight failed to return after vaeations. The latter we hope soon to see numbered with our attending pupils again. There have been

admitted during the past year, ten—six mutes and four blind; and the number now in attendance is fifty—thirty-three mutes and seventeen blind.

Most sincerely do we regret the resignation of Mrs. Clark and the loss of her influence and support in the future, as she is about to leave the field of her labors to visit the Atlantic States. She is the founder of this Institution, and nobly from the commencement has she performed the double duties of Principal and President; patiently and faithfully pursuing her arduous labors and battling from time to time with the enemies and opposers of the good work she has so long been engaged in.

One of the great troubles we have experienced has been in obtaining capable teachers, especially in the mute department. Teaching of this kind is a profession of itself and fitness can only be acquired by constant study and long practice. We know of no person in California qualified to teach the sign language, and our experience has taught us that it is very difficult engaging one in any of the States. However, after three years' trying, and applying to all of the Eastern Institutions, we have succeeded, through the Trustees, in engaging Mr. John M. Francis, of the Ohio Institution, who, we believe, is fully qualified to instruct in all branches and take the entire superintendence. Mr. Francis has had nine years' experience, comes highly recommended, and will probably reach here in time to commence his duties by the first of February.

There has been considerable sickness the past four months. We have, however, much cause for gratitude that all have recovered and that no death has ever occurred among the pupils at the Institution.

Since our last report two examinations have taken place, passing off with much satisfaction.

A tree loaded with presents and an unexpected Santa Claus, with sack and pockets full—supplied by the ladies—gave the children a very happy Christmas.

The Treasurer's account herewith gives an exhibit of the receipts and expenditures for the year, and furnishes a statement of present finances.

By order of the Board of Managers.

MRS. O. C. PRATT,
Secretary.

Mrs. Mark Brumagim, *Treasurer, in Account with the* California Institution for the Education and Care of the Indigent Deaf and Dumb, and the Blind.

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	To Cash, balance in treasury January 1st, 1864 ...		$828 54		By Cash paid current expenses from January 1st to December 31st, 1864	$10,983 69
	" received for two Cows		45 00		By Cash paid Mastick & Van Dyke	275 00
	" " of unknown Donation		25 00	June 16.	" " C. J. Snow, carpenter, repairing fence and buildings	55 50
	" " of Spring Valley Water Works, returned		22 00	" 28.	" " J. C. Hubbard, painting buildings	150 00
	" " for Clothing		21 25	July 7.	" " S. Kellets, plastering and whitening buildings	183 00
	" " for Work Sold		162 35	Aug. 1.	" " C. Geddes, plans	25 00
	" " for Tuition		625 00	Oct. 18.	" " G. Welton	209 46
June 14.	" " of State of California for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1863	3,000 00			" " Interest	537 58
October 10.	" " of State of California for quarter ending March 31st, 1864	2,812 50			" " Principal, salary from February 1st to October 31st, 1864, nine months, at $2,500 per annum	1,875 00
November 10.	" " of State of California for quarter ending June 30th, 1864	2,750 00			" to balance	21 65
December 10.	" " of State of California for quarter ending September 30th, 1864	2,750 00				
	" Borrowed	1,274 24				
			$14,315 88			$14,315 88
Jan. 1, 1865.	To balance		$21 65			

Correct.

B. H. RANDOLPH,
IRA P. RANKIN,
Auditing Committee of Board of Trustees.

Mrs. M. BRUMAGIM,
Treasurer of Board of Managers.

Quarterly allowance for the quarter ending December 31st, 1864, now due from the State	$2,937 50	
Balance in Treasury	21 65	
		$2,959 15
The Institution owes as follows:		
For money borrowed	1,274 24	
" Physician's salary from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st	150 00	
" Principal's " Nov. 1st "	416 67	
		1,840 91
Balance		$1,118 24

Total Cash receipts, $14,315.88, disbursed as follows:

Groceries and Provisions	3,278 85	
Fuel and Lights	515 51	
Clothing	779 68	
Furniture	262 23	
Teachers, Matron, etc	3,072 63	
Servants	1,490 00	
Physician and Medicine	118 40	
Hay, Grain, and Bran	523 22	
Water	269 00	
Books, Papers, etc	68 74	
Material for Work	124 01	
Railroad and Traveling	143 75	
Two Cows	65 00	
Postage	5 45	
Printing and Advertising	40 50	
Contingent	55 96	
Filling in Street	61 75	
Repairing buildings and fence	498 98	
Counsel Fees	275 00	
Telegrams to New York and Ohio	23 53	
G. Welton	209 46	
Interest on Money borrowed	537 58	
Principal's Salary, nine months	1,875 00	
Balance in Treasury	21 65	
		$14,315 88

LIST OF PUPILS.

DEAF AND DUMB.

Males.	*Town.*	*County.*
DeRutte, Theophilus	San Francisco	San Francisco
Benjamin, Braziliar	San Francisco	San Francisco
Markham, Columbia	Suisun	Solano
Giddings, Henry	Woodland	Yolo
O'Farrell, Garrett	Sacramento	Sacramento
Sandercock, Thomas Y	Sebastapol	Napa
Davis, Samuel	Petaluma	Sonoma
Dickson, Henry A	Putah	Solano
Slater, George	Placerville	El Dorado
Phillips, William M	Yreka	Siskiyon
Gayou, Marcelin	Stockton	San Joaquin
Musgrove, James R	Point Arenas	Mendocino
Ballard, Byron	San José	Santa Clara
Devoe, Henry	San Francisco	San Francisco
Harlan, James C	Yuba City	Sutter
Bassett, James	Sonoma	Sonoma
Lindsay, John	Sebastapol	Napa
Smith, Charles	Georgetown	El Dorado
Hull, Frank	Benicia	Solano
Holding, John A	Stockton	San Joaquin
Bentley, John W	Albany	Oregon
Murphy, Preston	Monmouth	Oregon
Willsie, Joseph F		Marin
Blish, Preston	San Francisco	San Francisco
McKail, James	Sacramento	Sacramento
Jesus, Jaum	San Francisco	San Francisco

Females.		
Wright, Mary	San Francisco	San Francisco
Wertheimer, Susan	San Francisco	San Francisco
Douglass, Caroline	Visalia	Tulare
McKail, Mary	Sacramento	Sacramento
Rogers, Mary Adella	Woodland	Yolo
Shirley, Evadne	Stockton	San Joaquin
Wilts, Mary Louisa	Contra Costa	Contra Costa
Bassett, Jane A	Ione City	Amador
Griswold, Carrie	Virginia City	Storey, Nevada
May, Anna	Petaluma	Sonoma

BLIND.

Males.	*Town.*	*County.*
Hanley, James Edward	Timbucto	Yuba
Miller, Peter	Dry Creek	Sutter
Briggs, Eugene A	Visalia	Tulare
Campbell, Henry J	Placerville	El Dorado
Jones, Charles	Grass Valley	Nevada
Thresher, Prescott B	Hamilton	Butte
Smith, William Henry	Bodega	Sonoma
Lerch, Emille	San Francisco	San Francisco
Bennett, Eugene	Fremont	Yolo
Females.		
Bailey, Daisy A	San Francisco	San Francisco
Kelly, Eloise	Marysville	Yuba
Lovell, Laura	San Francisco	San Francisco
Bissell, Anna Maria	Sacramento	Sacramento
Hereford, Missouri Arkansas	Lincoln	Placer
Klink, Maggie J	Vallejo	Solano
Lowenberg, Virginia	San Francisco	San Francisco
Mackenthaler, Louisa	Sacramento	Sacramento
Borgwordt, Mary	Kelsey Township	El Dorado

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

I. No charge is made for indigent pupils from this State, except for clothing and traveling expenses.

II. Paying pupils, and those from other States and Territories, are charged three hundred dollars annually, payable quarterly in advance. This sum covers all expenses, clothing and traveling excepted.

III. No deduction made from annual charge on any account, except sickness.

IV. Pupils can remain at the Institution during vacation without extra charge.

V. Applicants for admission must be between the ages of eight and twenty-five, of sound intellect, and free from contagious and offensive diseases.

VI. The session commences on the first day of August, and closes on the fifteenth day of June. The proper time for admission is at the commencement of the term, for the purpose of forming classes, but pupils will be received any time during the year.

VIII. Parents and guardians desiring to have their children pass the vacation at home, are required to come or send for them. In no case, however, will they be permitted to leave until the close of the school.

It is considered desirable, in case of each pupil entering the Institution, to obtain written answers to the following questions:

1. What is the age of the applicant?
2. Where was he born?
3. Was the deafness or blindness from birth, or was it produced by accident or disease? If so, in what way and at what time?
4. Are there any other cases of deafness or blindness in the same family, or among any of the ancestors?
5. What are the names, occupation, and residence of their parents?
6. What are the number and names of their children?

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